

Supplement to Questions and Answers on PON-12-503
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1. Group A example projects are 'widget-based'. Are proposals that focus on non-widget projects acceptable? For example, research into energy savings calculation methodologies, or strategies that leverage smart meter data to increase and quantify energy savings?

A. Yes. However, the project must clearly and effectively address the criteria listed in Attachment 14 in order for the proposal to be competitive. This includes documenting technical merit and need for the project and documenting impacts and benefits to California ratepayers. The first criterion "Technical Merit and Need" must achieve at least 14 points out of a possible 20 points for the proposal to be considered further for funding.

2. Regarding the requirement for at least 60% of the budget to be spent in California: the proposal budget spreadsheet has cells for entering California expenditure – is there any backup data documentation required for this dollar amount?

A. No. Proposals selected for awards will be required to provide backup information at the time of invoice submittal to document the percentages in the application.

3. Regarding the split of electric and gas funding, and the deadline for spending electric funds: If a program is investigating technology that produces both electric **and** gas savings, and CEC decides to fund that using both electric **and** gas budget, will that mean the whole program will have to be complete by the spending deadline? Or could the program be partly complete but we could just draw upon the electric funds until they are spent and then move on to the gas funds?

A. If a proposal is funded with both electric and natural gas monies, the agreement end date could be up to March 31, 2017. However, the electric portion of the project must be completed and invoiced by March 31, 2015.